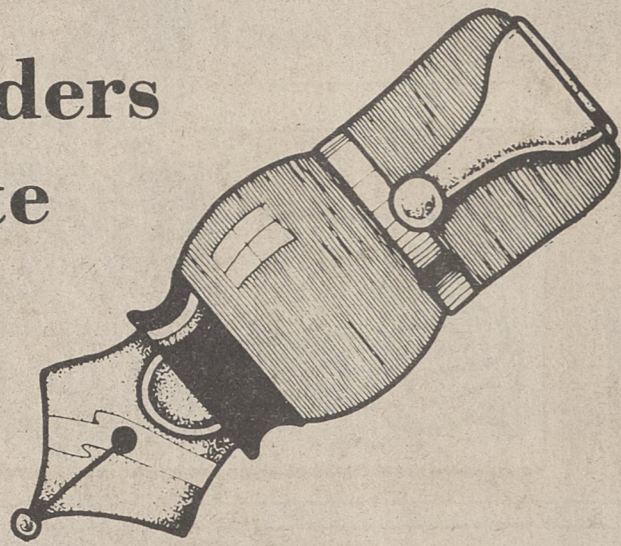


Readers Write



To The Editor:

We believe it's time State Representative Joe Mavretic folded his tent and went back home.

Mavretic, you'll recall, has proposed that all local and state property taxes be abolished and the state sales tax raised to 8 percent.

For a while, it appeared his bill might fly. On the surface, it looked appealing—no more property taxes. But State Treasurer Harlan Boyles wasn't convinced. He asked the Institute of Government to make an in-depth study. The institute said the proposal was probably unconstitutional, because it could endanger the ability of local governments to repay bond money.

As a result, Mr. Boyles opposes the bill. So do others. Senator Marshall Rauch of Gastonia, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says the bill will never get out of the House. Other legislators are cold to the idea, including House Speaker Liston Ramsey, House Expansion Budget Committee Chairman Billy Watkins, and Lt. Governor Bob Jordan. And about 90 percent of the state's tax supervisors oppose it, including many from poor counties who would benefit from it. They know a dog when they see one.

This bill has many bad features. It would cost urban counties a bundle, and create huge windfalls for smaller counties. Mecklenburg could lose as much as a hundred million dollars. The bill would shift the tax burden to the consumer. And, with property taxes repealed, large landowners and giant corporations would no longer carry their fair share of the tax burden.

But the biggest objection is that—with property taxes abolished—local governments would be so dependent on the state for revenues. On the face of it, that's bad.

There's a tired old saying in Raligh that "f it ain't broke, don't fix it." Until Mr. Mavretic can prove the current system is broke, we don't believe the legislature should give it the time of day.

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OBITUARIES

MRS. JOSIE CULLER FELTS

Funeral services for Mrs. Josie Culler Felts, 69, of Mount Airy, who died Monday in a Mount Airy Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. from Mount Airy Church of God of which she was a member.

Rev. Joseph Hayes and Rev. Calvin Vaughn officiated at the rites and interment was in Skyline Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Felts was a native of Patrick County, Va., daughter of the late Dexter and Jennie Bowman Culler and wife of Franklin Felts, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are five daughters, Mrs. Christine Sawyers of Ararat, N.C., Mrs. Octavia White, Mrs. Verdine Puckett, Mrs. Joann Cassell and Mrs. Barbara Freeman, all of Mount Airy; two sons, Rev. Jimmy Felts of Route 1, Cana, Va., and Douglas Felts of Kings Mountain; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bowman, Mrs. Ruth Young, both of Ararat, Va., Mrs. Katherine Carpenter and Mrs. Annie Felts, both of Mount Airy; one brother, Joseph Culler of Ararat, Va.

**Legion Dance
Slated Saturday**

J.J. and Company will provide the music for a dance Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at American Legion Post 155 in Kings Mountain.

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**Babe Ruth
Meeting
Sunday**

Kings Mountain's Babe Ruth Leagues will hold an important meeting Sunday at 3 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of First Federal Savings and Loan on Mountain Street.

Officers for the 1986 season will be elected and all phases of the Babe Ruth program will be discussed. All parents, coaches, sponsors and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The Babe Ruth League will sponsor teams in the 13-year-old Prep League and also in the 14-15 year old league this summer. The league also hopes to rejoin the Senior Babe Ruth program for ages 16 through 18 this year.

Services

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My God Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me" with Lonnie Darnell as preacher and Dr. Eric Faust as liturgist;

1:45 to 2:00 p.m., "I Thirst" with Rev. Bob Collins as preacher and Lonnie Darnell as liturgist.

2:10 to 2:35 p.m., "It Is Finished" with Rev. Philip Squire as preacher and Dr. Eric Faust as liturgist.

2:35 to 2:50 p.m., "Father Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit" with Rev. Harwood Smith as preacher and Rev. Bill Tyson as liturgist.

Mauney Funeral Home of Mount Airy was in charge of arrangements.

OLLIE SUE WARE

Funeral services for Ollie Sue Wright Ware, 67, of Dunedin, Fla., formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. from Sisk-Butler Funeral Home by Rev. A.A. Bailey, interment following in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Ware was a native of Gaston County and daughter of the late William and Mary Sue Spratt Wright. She was the wife of Cicero Ware, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a brother, Ed Wright of Bessemer City; and two sisters, Kay Davis of Gastonia and Lillie Quinn of Palm Harbor, Fla.

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